NHLA Technical Services Committee

August 29, 2023 at 02:00 PM (virtual)

In attendance: Angela Brown (Chair, Amherst), Nick Gagnon (Dover), Phuong Openo (Dover), Martha Simmons (Hooksett), Brittny Burgholm (Goffstown), Merrily Samuels (Hampstead), Caleb Kneuer (Laconia), Dianna Levesque (Fuller- Hillsborough),

1. Call Meeting to Order
   a. Meeting called to order at 2:00 P.M.
   b. Intros and welcome to new members attending.

2. New Business
   NONE

3. Topics from the Floor
   a. De-deweying. Some libraries have de-Deweyed specific sections such as cookbooks, A/V materials, and YA nonfiction. Some libraries have seen improved circulation.
   b. Library of Things (LOT):
      i. Hooksett has started circulating board games. They also circulate a Radon detector (Amazon - Airthings Corentium Home digital radon detector)
      ii. Dover organizes their library of things collection with a tag system
      iii. Goffstown is circulating Hot Spots which are very popular
   c. How do libraries manage book repair? Goffstown has a volunteer who will be starting soon. Other libraries have staff members that were already trained. Sometimes it's easier to simply replace a book rather than investing a lot of time and materials into its repair.
   d. Cataloging training resources:
      i. Maxwell handbook for RDA. 2024 edition
      ii. ALA Fundamentals of Cataloging
      iii. Web Junction trainings (free)
      iv. Amigos Trainings (fee)
   e. Purchase requests and library policy:
      i. Dover: newer books are prioritized and books with multiple requests. They offer digital services if print is not available.
      ii. Hooksett has frequent flyers and will fill some holds for them but not all.
      iii. Some libraries have policies:
         1. Hampstead Collection Development Policy
         2. Hooksett Collection Development Policy
f. Do libraries put local authors into separate sections?
   i. Some libraries put a label on books by local authors and interfile them with the rest of the collection. It was agreed that having a separate section negatively impacts circulation

4. **Next meeting date:** Oct 24, 2023 at 2PM

5. **Adjournment**
   a. Meeting adjourned at 3:02 P.M.